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VIA YELLOW PATCH:

FROM MR. LE DUC THO

TO: DR. HENRY KISSINGER.

I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE DATED AUGUST 19N 1974, ONCE AGAIN YOU RESORTED TO THE THREATENING LANGUAGE YOU HAD ON MANY OCCASIONS USED IN YOUR MEETINGS OR IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE WITH ME. I HAVE REPEATEDLY TOLD YOU THAT, IN THE PAST AS WELL AS AT PRESENT AND IN THE FUTURE, ANY THREAT MADE BY YOU OR ANY ONE ELSE IN THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE USELESS AND FUTILE. I FEEL IT NECESSARY TO REITERATE THAT NO FORCE, NO THREAT CAN SUBDUCE US. THE EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST TEN YEARS SHOULD HAVE HELPED YOU REALIZE THIS FACT.

SINCE MR. GERALD FORD REPLACED MR. NIXON AS PRESIDENT OF THE U.S., WE HAVE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED AND READ HIS STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH HIS PREDECESSOR HAS FAILED, MR. FORD STILL CONTINUES TO IMPLEMENT THE NIXON DOCTRINE WITHOUT NIXON, TO VIETNAMIZE THE WAR, AND TO USE THE FASCIST AND DICTATORIAL NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE PURSUANCE OF THE WAR AND THE SABOTAGE OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WITH A VIEW OF IMPOSING U.S. NEO-COLONIALISM ON SOUTH VIET NAM. MR. NIXON MET WITH FAILURE IN THIS ENTERPRISE AND HAD TO LEAVE THE WHITE HOUSE. SHOULD MR. FORD CONTINUE DOING SO, HE WOULD CERTAINLY AND INEVITABLY FAIL TOO.

YOU YOURSELF, IN THE CAPACITY OF U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE, DECLARED THAT THE U.S. POLICY IN SOUTH VIET NAM WAS UNCHANGED; YOU HELD THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAD GIVEN A NEW POLITICAL AND LEGAL BASIS FOR THE U.S. TO CONTINUE ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND ITS INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SOUTH VIET NAM; YOU SEARCHED BY EVERY MEANS TO INCREASE U.S. AID TO THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP. THESE ACTS OF YOURS ARE BLATANT VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM THAT, ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, YOU INITIATED AND UNDERTOOK TO SCRUPULOUSLY IMPLEMENT. I HAVE TO FRANKLY SAY THAT YOU HAVE BETRAYED YOUR SIGNATURE AND YOUR COMMITMENT.

*****WHSR COMMENT*****

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THE SERIOUS SITUATION NOW PREVAILING IN SOUTH VIET NAM HAS ITS ROOT IN THE U.S. POLICY TO CONTINUE ITS MILITARY INVOLVEMENT AND ITS INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THIS ZONE, TO PURSUE THE VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR, TO IMPOSE U.S. NEOCOLONIALISM ON SOUTH VIET NAM, AND TO PERPETUATE THE PARTITION OF VIET NAM. THEREFORE THE SOLUTION OF THE VIET NAM PROBLEM NOW DEPENDS ON WHETHER THE U.S. WILL GIVE UP THIS POLICY AND NOT ON US AS YOU SAID. IF THE U.S. SIDE ABANDONS THE AFORESAID POLICY AND CORRECTLY IMPLEMENTS ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM, WE WILL BE PREPARED TOGETHER WITH THE U.S. SIDE TO SETTLE THE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS WITH REGARD TO VIET NAM IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM.

THE ONLY CORRECT WAY TO SETTLE THE VIET NAM PROBLEM IS THAT THE U.S. AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION STRICTLY RESPECT AND SCrupuLOUSLY IMPLEMENT THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM. ONLY IN THIS WAY CAN DURABLE PEACE BE ASSURED, CONTRIBUTION BE MADE TO THE MAINTENANCE OF LASTING PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND CONDITIONS BE CREATED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW, EQUAL, AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE D.R. V. N. AND THE U.S. ON THE BASIS OF RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER'S INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERVENTION IN EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

IN CASE THE U.S. CONTINUES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIXON DOCTRINE WITHOUT NIXON AND THE USE OF THE NGUYEN VAN THIEU GROUP TO PURSUE THE WAR AND TO UNDERMINE THE PARIS AGREEMENT ON VIET NAM, THEN THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WILL RESOLUTELY CARRY ON THEIR STRUGGLE TO OBTAIN PEACE AND THE PARIS AGREEMENT UNTIL COMPLETE VICTORY, AND THE U.S. AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION WILL AGAIN MEET WITH DEFEAT.

AUGUST 25TH, 1974.

END TEXT

THIS MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT 1:00 PARIS TIME 25 AUGUST 1974.

WARM REGARDS,

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